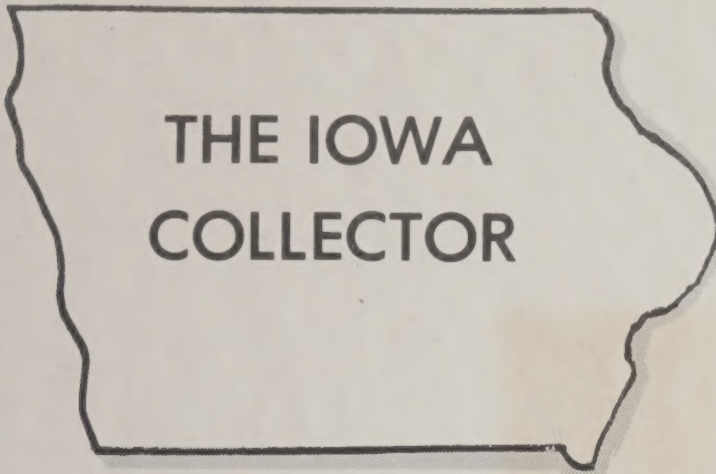


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From The President's Desk:

The Ames Coin-A-Rama for 1979 is once again history and I believe a very successful show. I have attended several other shows in the area including the Forest City and Mason City Shows and it seems as if the crowds and the enthusiasm are greater every year. Right now the silver coins - especially the silver dollars and halves, mint and proof sets, and gold seem to be about the hottest things going.

At the Ames show the INA board discussed having a paper money show and Seminar in the east Okoboji area this summer. I appointed a committee to work on it. The INA board was in favor of the Seminar and will work to make it a success in anyway they are needed. Watch the Coin publications for further developments and dates. Looks like late July or early August.

The new Bulletin has caused many favorable comments. Marcy did a very good job with material and arrangements under stressful conditions always in the new publication. If you have any suggestions to make, please contact Marcy or me.

Once again I would like to urge the officers and directors of the INA to visit all the clubs in your district at least once. Remember any club is eligible for an INA Best of Show trophy for sending a list on 10 members of your club who are INA members to Wilbur Balmos. He authorizes the clubs that are eligible to receive one. Remember, your club is counted as one of the 10.

JoAnn and I visited the Storm Lake Coin Club this month and signed up 5 new members. They have an active club again after having their club disband a few years ago. Under the very capable leadership demonstrated at their meeting, they should continue to develop and be once again a very strong club. Their annual Show is Labor Day week-end Sept. 1 and 2.

We hope to see quite a few of you at the Burlington 40th Anniversary Banquet the 9th of June.

Numismatically yours,
Harry Peters
President, INA

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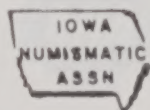
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From The Secretary's Typewriter:

A few dues are still trickling in, we have had several new members too, which all helps to improve our organization. It bothers me that all Coin Clubs in Iowa are not INA member clubs. Let's try and get 100% membership of all our Coin Clubs! The following clubs are member clubs: Ames Coin Club, Boone Coin Club, Buena Vista Coin Club, Burlington Coin Club, Cedar Falls Coin Club, Cedar Rapids Coin Club, Central Iowa Coin Club (Marshalltown), Clarion Coin Collectors, Davenport Coin Club, Des Moines Coin Club, Donnellson Coin Club, Forest City Coin Club, Fort Dodge Coin Club, Fort Madison Coin Club, Grinnell Coin Club, H-L Coin Club, Illowa Coin Club, Koekuk Coin Club, Marion Coin Club, Newton Coin Club, Ottumwa Coin Club, Port City Coin Club, River City Coin Club (Mason City), Rock Island Arsenal Coin Club, Siouxland Coin Collectors, Southern Iowa Coin Club, Tri-Cities Coin Club, Tri-County Coin Club, Wapsie Coin Club, Waterloo Coin Club, and Webster City Coin Collectors. If your club is not listed here, let's see if we can't work together for their membership. Also, if you do not have a club near you feel invited to attend the meetings of any of these clubs, or if there is the interest in your area of a dozen collectors, how about starting a new club? The director of your district and Harry and I will be willing to work with you to help get this a going club.

National Coin Week has come and gone. Did YOU do anything to promote the hobby during the week of April 15-22? If so, how about a report so others can have an idea of things which interest the public that we can do next year. Harry and I had an exhibit in our local bank lobby of Kanawha National Bank Notes and other samples of the Numismatic collections possible. Mason City

A Familiar Face and Friend Passes Away

Currency collectors from northern Iowa and all of Iowa are missing a familiar face looking for Iowa National Bank Notes. Charlie Cox of Leland passed away from cancer in late December. Charlie made the rounds of most shows and the state show to further his hobby.

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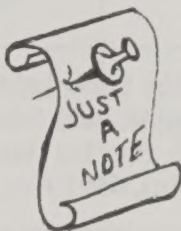
Again a reminder - when you plan your show and before the date is finalized, please contact Don Mark for conflicting shows on the proposed date so that more can attend your show and also, let's get the date in the Bulletin so advanced notice will help other clubs find a date that doesn't conflict.

When your club gets an INA Best of Show trophy for its Annual Show, lets get a story on the show to Marcy within two weeks. If we make this a point, our clubs will get the publicity and we will learn what your club did at its show. Lets co-operate with Marcy in this.

Bronze medals are still available at \$2 plus a self addressed and stamped envelope.

A note of interest - do you know that we have 71 members that do not live in Iowa? I'll list the states and number of members in each next time.

JoAnn Peters
INA Sec'y-Treas.

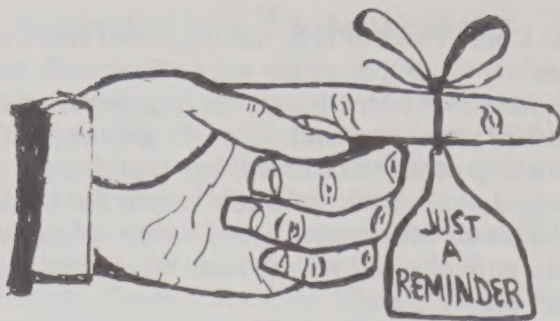


The Burlington Spring Coin and Hobby Show that was scheduled for March 24 and 25, was cancelled due to the rising water along with Mississippi River. However, they will be having their Spring Auction April 20, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the I.S.U. building.

The Burlington Coin Club will be sponsoring another coin & hobby show October 27 & 28, 1979. Hours will be Sat. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. A coin auction will be held Sat. at 7:00 p.m. Door prizes will be drawn and there will be food served. For information write: Burlington Coin Club, P.O. Box 51, Burlington, Iowa 52601 Bill Nelson, Chairman, phone: 319-752-3737.

The Burlington Coin Club is having a membership contest. Two separate contests are in progress, one for adults and one for junior members. The winners get their 1980 and 1981 club dues paid. Good Luck!

"Don't forget" the 40th Anniversary Banquet for the Burlington Coin Club - June 9, 1979 at 6:30 p.m. to be held at the Arion Restaurant in Burlington (2nd floor). Tickets are on sale now for only \$6.00.



The Fort Madison Coin Club will hold their fall Show October 13-14 at the Holiday Inn in Fort Madison. Hours will be from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday and from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. An auction will be held on Saturday night. For information contact: Dan Gable, 18 Oak Drive, Fort Madison.

The Davenport Coin Club's 15th annual Coin Show will be held on November 18, 1979 at the Holiday Inn in Davenport. Hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be exhibits and hourly prizes. Contact Bert C. Shipley, Bourse Chairman, 1646 West 42nd St. Apt. No. 2, Davenport Iowa 52806. Phone 1-319-386-8955.

The Fort Madison Coin & Hobby Show held March 3 & 4 at the Holiday Inn was a success with a 99 lot auction held Saturday night. The Coin Club is changing their meeting night to the 3rd Monday each month at the Fort Madison Savings & Loan (Drive-In), 4505 Ave. L.

Keokuk Coin Club 1979 Officers are: William Harper, President; Tony Conn, Vice President; Pearl Randall, Treasurer; Lee Marsh, Secretary. Directors are: G.B. Ellyson, Maurice Gudgel, Helen Wallace, Raymond Morrow, and Bertha Watson. Melvin Baum was appointed Historian.

The March meeting of the club was second hobby night, something non-numismatic to exhibit.

Again this year the Keokuk Club will participate in an Easter Seal Cake Project. Mr. Stan Waldron, owner & proprietor of Stans Pastry Shop in Keokuk, will prepare a decorated cake which will be auctioned off on Main Street after extensive publicity with proceeds donated to the Crippled Childrens Fund. Coins, Medals and Tokens donated by members of the club are used in decorating the cake which makes it unique. Hats off to the Keokuk Club for this fine project.

The Keokuk Spring Hobby Show will be Saturday and Sunday, May 19 & 20, 1979 at the Keosippi Mall in downtown Keokuk. Hours are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sunday. Dealer Tables are available for \$10.00 on advance reservation only with payment. Contact Lee Marsh for reservations or write to the Club for contract form. Also a bid-board type coin auction will be held during the show. Keokuk Coin Club, P.O. Box No. 172, Keokuk, Iowa 52632.

Calendar of Events

May 19-20 - Keokuk Coin and Hobby Show, Keosippi Mall.

June 9 - Burlington 40th Anniversary Banquet, Arion Restaurant, 6:30 P.M.

July 29-August 2 - Annual American Numismatic Association Show, St. Louis, Missouri, Convention Center.

September 29-30 - Iowa Numismatic Association Annual Convention and Coin Show, Howard Johnsons North Convention Center, Des Moines.

October 6-7 - Webster City Annual Coin, Antique & Stamp Show.

October 13-14 - Fort Madison Coin & Hobby Show, Holiday Inn.

October 27-28 - Burlington Coin & Hobby Show, Burlington Memorial Auditorium.

November 18 - Davenport Coin Show, Holiday Inn.

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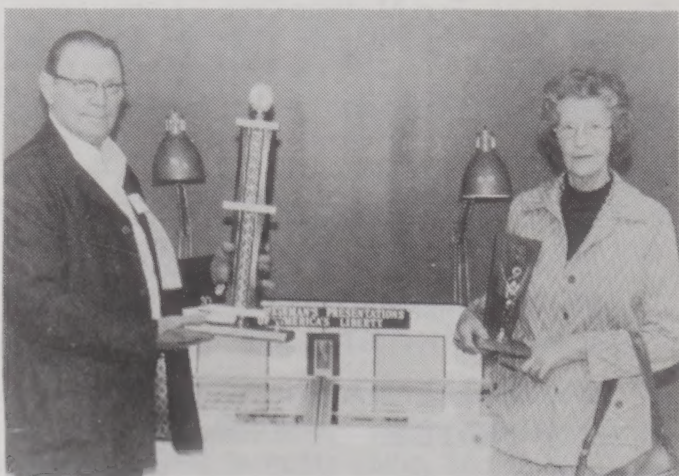
Coin - A - Rama a Success

The Ames Coin Club held the 16th Mid-Iowa Coin-A-Rama at the Gateway Center Motor Hotel in Ames, Iowa, February 17th and 18th. There were 43 bourse tables, displays and plenty of customers to make this show a success for both the public and dealers.

The exhibit displays were some of the best that have been at other shows and the competition was good.



Mike Scacci



Mr. & Mrs. R. A. Wilt

Mike Scacci took first place and the I.N.A. trophy for Best of Show in the Currency Class. W.B. Houser took second in that category. R.A. Wilt took top honors in U.S. Coins with his display of Walking Liberty Half Dollars and Mercury Dimes. He got the Mid-Iowa Coin-A-Rama Best of Show trophy, given to the Club Member of the Ames Coin Club with the best display. Second Place for U.S. Coins was taken by Robert Hamling, with his Indian Cent Collection.

Foreign was won by Mark Jervis, who also won First in Medals. Larry Ballard took first with a display of Mint errors (Misc.) Mark Jervis took 2nd in Misc. Brian Buhman took the Junior Award with his display of Lincoln Cents and Jefferson Nickels.

Several door prizes were given out which included Six Proof Sets and one \$5.00 Gold piece.

The Ames Coin Club plans are already on the way for the 17th Coin-A-Rama that will be held next spring. Its the biggest and first show of the year, so plan on coming if you can.

Sincerely
Arthur Nelson
Ames Coin Club President
Coin Show Chairman

Make a Note on Your Calendar

The Webster City Coin Collectors have selected October 6-7, 1979 for their annual coin, antique and stamp show. Hours are 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. October 6th and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. October 7th. Write Webster City Coin Collectors Club, P.O. Box 115, Webster City, Iowa 50595.

The Webster City Coin Collectors have secured a \$300,000 Treasury Exhibit for display at their annual show October 6-7 at the Ed Prince Building on the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. This is a paper money exhibit with a \$100,000 bill.

We will also have our annual commemorative coin featuring the Old South School Building for sale starting soon after the first of June. This is the seventh of a series.

Illowa Coin Club Show May 6 at Clinton Moose Lodge, Highway 30 W. in Clinton.

HELP US KEEP club meeting list up to date. Let the editor know about any changed that should be made in the listing.

DON'T FORGET!

There is still time to get your tickets to the Burlington
Coin Club 40th Anniversary Banquet.

TIME: Saturday Evening June 9, 1979 at 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: Arion Restaurant, 210 N. Main St., Burlington, Iowa

Reservations Tickets are \$6.00 Each.

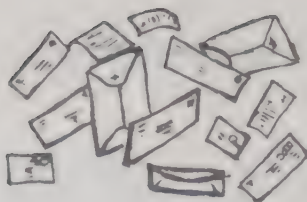
Mr. Ted Hammer of Wichita, Kansas will be the guest speaker. Mr. Hammer, along with other Numismatics helped form the Iowa Numismatic Association & write its first "By-Laws". He was I.N.A.'s first president for the year of 1938 and also 1939. A newspaper journalist all of his life, Mr. Hammer has been the author of numerous Numismatic articles. Currently he is author of a column in "Coin World" called, "Romance of Money."

Open-Class, competitive exhibit competition will be held. Trophies awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places. Also I.N.A. "Best of Show" trophy. Set up time, 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. To enter your exhibits, contact the banquet chairman by April 15, 1979. Mention what you'll be showing and how many lineal feet will be needed.

Banquet reservations are to be sent in as soon as possible.

Mail to Burlington Coin Club, P.O. Box 51, Burlington, Iowa 52601; Care of Banquet Chairman, Paul D. Lyons Phone: 1-319-752-2162.

NOTES FROM ALL OVER



The Cedar Rapids Coin Show held March 10-11 was a definite success. Co-Chairmen for the show were Bob Douglas and John Kelso, both of Cedar Rapids. A delicious prime rib dinner was served at the Sat. night Banquet. After being entertained with a bit of humor from Dr. John Tilton, our speaker, Ron Lashmit was introduced. Ron grew up in Grantrain City, Michigan and is now a minister residing in Belle Plaine, Iowa. He is a member of the INA and MECA (Mint Ere Coin Collectors of American). He spoke about mint errors and their four basic groups - 1. Denomination errors; 2. Die errors; 3. Planchet errors; 4. Striking errors.

Our thanks to Ron Lashmit for a very informative and educational presentation.

Exhibit winners were: Currency - 1st Don Mark (Gold Certificate) U.S. Coins - 1st Nevin Roberts (Presidents in proof), 2nd Lou Strnad (nickels), 3rd Burl Armstrong (Proof Mercury Dimes), Foreign - 1st Steven Mengler. Tokens, medals, addities - 1st Ron Lashmit (mint errors). Juniors - 1st Stacy Hesselbacker (Barber Coins), 2nd Steven Mengler (Foreign), 3rd Eric Kelso (proof quarters). Winners Circle - John Tilton (Type set). INA Best of Show - Nevin Roberts (Presidents in Proof). The subject of the March program of the Cedar Rapids Coin Club was exhibits. Guest speaker was Mr. Wilbur Balmos, Muscatine, Iowa. Mr. Balmos was to present a discussion on proper exhibition rules and guidelines. He is a certified judge for the American Numismatic Association and is recognized by all clubs, societies, and associations in the midwest.

The annual Muscatine Coin Show was to have been held on Sunday April 29 from 9-5 at the Muscatine Community Workshops, Inc. Art Davis was Chairman.

The Central Iowa Coin Club Show was held at the Regency Inn in Marshalltown on March 3 & 4. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate with rain and snow over the weekend causing the show to have a limited amount of people. Exhibit winners were: Junior - 1st Richard Downs, Marshalltown, 2nd Stacy Hesselbacker, Scales Mound, Illinois. Gold - 1st Orville Hesselbacker, Scales Mound, Illinois. Currency - 1st Orville Hesselbacker, Scales Mound, Illinois. Miscellaneous - 1st Paul Cambell, State Center, Iowa (Medals). U.S. Coins - 1st Bob Hamling, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Indian Head Cents). 2nd Orville Hesselbacker, Scales Mound, Illinois (Type Coins). INA Best of Show - Bob Hamling, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Newly elected officers serving in 1979 for the Clarion Coin Club will be: W.B. Houser, President; Wayne Ebert, Vice President; Dick Simpson, Secretary; Maurice Harson, Treasurer. Members of the Board of Directors are Jim Judson, Bob Bowman, Harry Peters, Curt Pegg and Don Watts.

Clarion Club is looking for more members. Adult dues are \$3.00 per year and student dues are \$1.50 per year. Checks can be sent to Clarion Coin Club, 216 North Main, Clarion, Iowa 50525. They are a member of the American Numismatic Association and the Society of Token and Medal Collectors.

The Iris City Coin Club, Mt. Pleasant, held a Spring Coin Auction and bourse Saturday April 7th with bourse 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. An auction was held at 7:30 p.m.

Des Moines Coin Club Spring Show, held on March 24-25, featured a bourse of 36 tables. Despite the weather Friday evening, a good crowd attended during the shoe. First place winners in exhibits were: Mark Milliman, Junior Division; Mike Scacci, U.S. Coins and Currency. Larry Ballard, Miscellaneous; and Mark Jervis, Foreign Coins and Currency. Second place awards went to: Craig Good and Mark Jervis. Des Moines Club Best of Show was won by Larry Ballard and the Iowa State Best of Show went to Mark Milliman.

Door prize winners include Gene Hays of Des Moines, Chuck Lyons of Harlan, Bill Lyons of Nevada, Ray Wiley of Des Moines, Don Marker of West Des Moines, and Henry Dmitruk of Cedar Rapids with the \$5 Gold Coin going to Marilyn Douglas of Cedar Rapids.

Forest City Coin Club Show held March 18 & 19, 1979, was a terrific success with 39 dealer tables, 12 exhibitors and over 1500 people in attendance during the two days. Exhibit winners: U.S. Coins - 1st Russ Strempeke, Waterloo, Iowa; Ancient Coins - 1st Bob Schlotterback, Dysart, Iowa. Currency - 1st Bill Houser, Clarion, Iowa; 2nd - Bob Schlotterback, Dysart, Iowa. Foreign - 1st Harry Peters, Kanawha, Iowa, 2nd Russ Strempeke, Waterloo, Iowa. Specialized - 1st Tom McMann, Mason City, Iowa, 2nd David Peterson, Forest City, Iowa; I.N.A. Best of Show - Tom McMann, Mason City, Iowa. Junior Class - 1st Tammy Strempeke, Waterloo, Iowa, 2nd Dan Strempeke, Waterloo, Iowa. Junior Best of Show - Tammy Strempeke, Waterloo, Iowa. The "Gene Morris" Award (Trophy) was awarded to Bob Schlotterback, Dysart, Iowa - for the "most educational" exhibit.

The Donnellson Coin Show was held February 10 & 11 at the Donnellson School. The weekend was successful with a good turnout for the Saturday night auction. Officers for 1979 are: Burl Armstrong, President; Bernard Bosley, Vice President; Lew Deerfield, Secretary; Ron Hofbauer, Treasurer.

State - Wide Club Meeting Nights

Algona-Kossuth County - 2nd Thurs., Security State Bank, State Street.
Ames - Last Wed., University Drive-In Bank, 7:30.
Burlington - Last Tues., 2nd floor Arion Restaurant, 7:30.
Cedar Falls - Last Wed., Cedar Falls Utilities Bldg., 7:30.
Cedar Rapids - 3rd Wed., Peoples Bank West.
Central Iowa, Marshalltown - 3rd Wed., Fisher Community Room.
Clarion - 3rd Fri. thru August, Iowa Public Service meeting room, 7:30.
Davenport - 1st Wed., Northwest Bank & Trust, Locust St.
Des Moines - 1st Tues., Mott Auditorium, YMCA, 101 Locust.
Donnellson - 2nd Thurs., Farm Bureau basement, 7:30.
Forest City - 2nd Tues., IOOF Hall.
Fort Dodge - 1st Thurs., Fort Dodge, YWCA, 7:30.
Fort Madison - 3rd Monday, Savings & Loan Drive-Inn, 4505 Ave. L, 7:30.
Grinnell - 2nd Mon., American Legion Hall.
Illowa Coin Club, Clinton - 3rd Thurs., YWCA in Clinton.
Independence - 3rd Sat., Courthouse basement.
Iris City Mount Pleasant - 1st Thurs., Courtesy Rm., Henry Co. Savings.
Keokuk - 4th Thurs., Keokuk Sr. High Cafeteria, 2285 Middle Road.
Marion - 1st Tues., Farmers State Bank.
Mason City - 3rd Mon., basement of Masters Chiropractic Clinic, N. Federal.
Newton - 3rd Thurs. basement of shopping center.
Oskaloosa - 1st Mon., Oskaloosa Home Loan & Savings.
Ottumwa - 4th Tues., Labor Hall on North Green St.
Port City, Muscatine - 4th Tues., YMCA, 312 Iowa St.
Red Oak - 1st Mon., Farmers Mercantile on old Highway 34, 7:30.
Siouxland - 2nd Thurs., Elks Lodge, 722 Douglas, Sioux City.
Storm Lake - 3rd Thurs., Chautauqua Park Shelter House, 7:30. Winter 8:00S.
Waterloo - 2nd Thurs., Waterloo Recreation Center.
Webster City - 1st Wed., Municipal Bldg., 7:30.

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February 1979

Dear Dealer:

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PLACE: Holiday Inn, 5202 Brady St., Davenport, Iowa.

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A Message

From Marcy

Dear Marcy,

I read your note in the Spring Issue of the newsletter about having to use filler due to lack of printed matter, so I decided to sit down and dash off a short article on a subject that I'm interested in and that I specialize in, Canadian Coins. I hope that this helps you have more of a choice of what to print, even if it isn't Pulitzer Prize material.



I hope to be sending you more notes on trends in this area, because I doubt that there are many folks in the I.N.A. from out this way, and maybe information from someone outside the Iowa area will be interesting to the majority of the members that live in that area.

I enjoy the newsletter, and I'm trying to talk up the club around here, without too much success so far. I hope to recruit some new members for you soon.

Kindest regards, and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Steve Ellis No. 1693

(Editor's note: I would like to thank Steve for his letter and informative article. It was a real treat receiving this in the mail just as I was finishing this issue of the Bulletin.)

In these times of ever - increasing inflation, people are always looking for investments that will keep their savings from wasting away to nothing. Here in Birmingham, I have found a hedge against inflation that I suspect holds true to the rest of the country as well. That investment is Canadian silver dollars.

In this area, the average Canadian silver dollar goes for around \$4.50, as opposed to \$7.50 for its U.S. counterpart. The Canadian silver dollar contains .6582574 ounces of silver, while there are .77344 ounces of silver in the U.S. cartwheel. Therefore, at the selling prices named earlier, an ounce of silver gained by the purchase of the Canadian dollars would cost the buyer \$6.83. The same ounce of silver garnered through the purchase of U.S. dollars would cost \$9.69. With silver values being what they are, the advantages of buying Canadian over American are obvious.

Why Canadian dollars are so much cheaper is open to speculation. In my opinion, it is due to low collector interest and greater supply than demand. In many cases, it is cheaper to buy Canadian dollars of lower mintage than comparable U.S. issues. Whatever the reason, it would be a good idea to check into this area before prices rise too much more.

I would appreciate hearing the opinions and ideas of my fellow club members on this subject. If interested, they can write to me at the following:

Steve Ellis No. 1693
4708 Court R
Birmingham, AL 35208

Join In The Spirit Of St. Louis

ANA IN ST. LOUIS IN 1979

The American Numismatic Association and the St. Louis based Missouri Numismatic Society are determined to have the 1979 ANA convention in St. Louis, no matter what obstacles arise. Most interested collectors probably know of changes in the location and dates announced several months ago. Now there's the probability of another change - but only a minor one.

To accomodate another group and to effect a substantial monetary saving to ANA, the closing date may be changed to Thursday, August 2. This would mean a five-day convention instead of the previously planned six days, and there would be some changes in the programming of activities.

However, at this writing the ANA has not reached a firm agreement with the management of the Cervantes Convention and Exhibit Center in St. Louis.

St. Louisans will be recalling the Louisiana Purchase Exposition held there 75 years ago this summer. Special exhibits and programs related to the Exposition and a medallic tribute to it and the Louisiana Purchase will be highlights of the week's activities.

The traditional PNG (Professional Numismatists Guild) Day will be Saturday, July 28, preceding the opening of the convention proper on Sunday. This event is open to PNG members and their invited guests, as usual.

Among other special activities during the five (?) six (?) days will be a 3000-lot auction conducted by New England Rare Coin Auctions of Boston. Most specialized collector groups will hold their own meetings, and there will be sightseeing trips, entertainment and social features.

The bourse and exhibits and related activities will be in the spacious Convention Center on Delmar Blvd. between 7th and 9th Streets in the downtown area of St. Louis. In addition to being right in the shopping and business area, the Center is less than a mile from the Mighty Mississippi and the famed Gateway Arch, and only about ten blocks from Busch Stadium, home of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Housing of visitors will be in two nearby hotels with continuous free bus service for registered guests between the hotels and the Convention Center. Stouffer's Riverfront Towers will function as convention headquarters but some, particularly bourse dealers and exhibitors, may favor the Sheraton Hotel just across Seventh Street from the Center. Incidentally, Stouffer's is only two blocks from Busch Stadium and Gateway Arch.

Special room rates for ANA convention guests will be in effect at both hotels with very slightly lower rates at Stouffer's. A special rate card that is good for either hotel is available from Convention Chairman Bernice F. Stevenson, 19 Roclare Lane, St. Louis, MO 63131, or from Convention Coordinator Ruthann Brettell, PO Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

Both hotels require the receipt of room requests not later than July 8. Nearly every year a few late comers are disappointed in not getting the kind of accommodations they want or due to being unable to get in the convention hotel at all. Collectors are urged to make reservations early - cancellations can be made at no cost up to 24 hours prior to scheduled arrival time.

The experimental scheduling of activities, a first at last year's convention in

Houston, met with general approval and will be in effect in St. Louis. In the main, the bourse and exhibits dominate the noon until evening hours; business meetings, trips and specialized group meetings are scheduled in the forenoon; and auction sessions, the educational forum and social events are evening activities.

Exhibits of unusual interest are being planned, both by individuals and at the behest of the convention committee. One that can be announced at this time is the Aubrey Bebee 1913 Liberty Head nickel. This is the specimen that the late and colorful J.V. McDermott owned and circulated so freely at conventionals and meetings prior to his death in 1966.

When asked what the coin was worth, "Mac" would reply, "I just turned down an offer of \$XXXXX for it." True, the dollar figure varied from time to time but certainly never exceeded one-tenth of today's valuation.

Anyone thinking of entering an exhibit at this prestigious numismatic event should request an application form and copy of the rules from exhibit chairman James S. Moores, P.O. Box 265, Collinsville, IL 62234.

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